

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 03154 021107Z

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 IO-13 SSM-03 ACDA-07 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 /085 W

-----039560 021116Z /23

O 021040Z JUL 77

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4458

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

USCINCEUR IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 3154

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SOPN PBOR MILI LE SY IS JO SA

SUBJ: PRESS STORY OF ISRAELI WARNING TO ARAB STATES ON SOUTH
LEBANON

1. SUMMARY: AP HAS PUT OUT COMPLETELY FABRICATED STORY
OF ISRAELI WARNINGS TO LEBANON AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES,
TRANSMITTED BY USG, THAT IT WILL INTERVENE IN SOUTH LEBANON
IF PALESTINIAN PRESENCE THERE INCREASES. END SUMMARY.

2. CBS BEIRUT REPORTER DOUG TUNNELL LATE JULY 1 INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT AP WAS PREPARING STORY TO EFFECT THAT USG HAS
TRANSMITTED TO GOL ISRAELI WARNINGS THAT, SHOULD PALESTINIAN
PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON CONTINUE TO INCREASE, ISRAEL WILL
INVADE. TUNNELL HAD PICKED UP STORY FROM LOCAL AP OFFICE,
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 03154 021107Z

BELIEVED THAT IT WAS OBTAINED BY LOCAL AP STRINGER FROM LOWER
RANKING LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (AP AMERICAN
REPORTER NICK LUDDINGTON PRESENTLY IN CYPRUS.)

3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE "IKE" JULY 2 CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY,
"LEBANON RECEIVES ISRAELI WARNING," WITHOUT WIRE SERVICE
ATTRIBUTION, BUT REFERRING TO "A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE."

ACCORDING TO "IKE," FONMIN SOURCE SAID WARNING WAS ALSO TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT, SYRIA, KUWAIT, AND SAUDI ARABIA. STORY NOTES THAT FONMIN BOUTROS NOW IN PROCESS OF VISITING THE FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES. STORY ALSO ALLUDES TO "FEVERISH POLITICAL ACTIVITY" IN LEBANON CONCERNING SOUTH.

4. L'ORIENT-LE JOUR JULY 2 CARRIES SMALL STORY ATTRIBUTED TO "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" THAT ISRAEL HAS SENT "ULTIMATUN" TO GOL TO EFFECT THAT PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON "HAS BECOME TOO IMPORTANT" AND THAT THEY (ISRAELIS) "MIGHT BE OBLIGATED TO INTERVENE WITH A CLEARING OPERATION IF THE PALESTINIANS DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE SOUTH."

5. ARABIC PRESS JULY 2 CARRIES NO SUCH STORY.

6. COMMENT: IKE AND L'ORIENT STORIES HAVE COME FROM AP. LOCAL STRINGER GOT STORY FROM ARAB EMBASSY. WE HAVE TOLD TUNNELL, AND WE WILL TELL ANY OTHER INQUIRING JOURNALISTS, THAT WE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MESSAGE.

7. LATE ITEM: WE UNDERSTAND AFP IS PUTTING OUT STORY JULY 2 TO EFFECT THAT GOL FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ISSUED DENIAL OF STORY. PARKER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, INTERVENTION, THREATS, BORDER INCIDENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 02-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BEIRUT03154
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770237-0030
Format: TEL
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770795/aaaadeze.tel
Line Count: 85
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 82def071-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1977562
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS STORY OF ISRAELI WARNING TO ARAB STATES ON SOUTH LEBANON
TAGS: SOPN, PBOR, MILI, LE, SY, IS, JO, SA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/82def071-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009